Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Fire and burn injuries are leading causes of accidental deaths in the United States, especially among children and the elderly; and,

WHEREAS, In the United States alone, a burn injury occurs every 15 seconds and more than 6,000 people die every year as a result of burns; and,

WHEREAS, More than one out of every three burn victims are children--most injuries (about 75 percent) which would have been preventable had proper precautions been taken; and,

WHEREAS, The Shrine of North America has three Shriners Burns Institutes which provide care to burned children; and,

WHEREAS, The Shrine of North America and its burns institutes join with other burn facilities across the nation in recognizing the seriousness of this hazard and the urgent need to educate the public about burn prevention and fire safety by offering special education and a series of pamphlets outlining ways individuals can "burn-proof" their homes and learn to practice safety techniques to prevent burn injuries; and,

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to set aside a special time to commend the Shriners for their dedication to this program and their compassionate service to children, and others who are the victims of burns:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 4 through 10, 1990, as

BURN AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota, and I encourage all our citizens to support the Shriners' Burns Institutes and to take the proper precautions to protect their families from these devastating injuries.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE